

**Table 60. Current cigarette smoking by persons 18 years of age and over according to sex, race, and age:
United States, selected years 1965–99**

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

Sex, race, and age	1965	1974	1979	1983	1985	1990	1992	1994	1995	1997 ¹	1998 ¹	1999 ¹
18 years and over, age adjusted ²												
All persons	41.9	37.0	33.3	31.9	29.9	25.3	26.3	25.3	24.6	24.6	24.0	23.3
Male	51.2	42.8	37.0	34.8	32.2	28.0	28.1	27.6	26.5	27.1	25.9	25.2
Female	33.7	32.2	30.1	29.4	27.9	22.9	24.6	23.1	22.7	22.2	22.1	21.6
White male	50.4	41.7	36.4	34.2	31.3	27.6	27.7	27.1	26.2	26.8	26.0	25.0
Black male	58.8	53.6	43.9	41.7	40.2	32.8	33.3	34.3	29.4	32.4	29.0	28.5
White female	33.9	32.0	30.3	29.6	27.9	23.5	25.3	24.0	23.4	22.8	23.0	22.5
Black female	31.8	35.6	30.5	31.3	30.9	20.8	24.5	21.6	23.5	22.5	21.1	20.7
18 years and over, crude												
All persons	42.4	37.1	33.5	32.1	30.1	25.5	26.5	25.5	24.7	24.7	24.1	23.5
Male	51.9	43.1	37.5	35.1	32.6	28.4	28.6	28.2	27.0	27.6	26.4	25.7
Female	33.9	32.1	29.9	29.5	27.9	22.8	24.6	23.1	22.6	22.1	22.0	21.5
White male	51.1	41.9	36.8	34.5	31.7	28.0	28.2	27.7	26.6	27.2	26.3	25.4
Black male	60.4	54.3	44.1	40.6	39.9	32.5	32.2	33.7	28.5	32.2	29.0	28.7
White female	34.0	31.7	30.1	29.4	27.7	23.4	25.1	23.7	23.1	22.5	22.6	22.1
Black female	33.7	36.4	31.1	32.2	31.0	21.2	24.2	21.7	23.5	22.5	21.1	20.8
All males												
18–24 years	54.1	42.1	35.0	32.9	28.0	26.6	28.0	29.8	27.8	31.7	31.3	29.5
25–34 years	60.7	50.5	43.9	38.8	38.2	31.6	32.8	31.4	29.5	30.3	28.5	29.1
35–44 years	58.2	51.0	41.8	41.0	37.6	34.5	32.9	33.2	31.5	32.1	30.2	30.0
45–64 years	51.9	42.6	39.3	35.9	33.4	29.3	28.6	28.3	27.1	27.6	27.7	25.8
65 years and over	28.5	24.8	20.9	22.0	19.6	14.6	16.1	13.2	14.9	12.8	10.4	10.5
White male												
18–24 years	53.0	40.8	34.3	32.5	28.4	27.4	30.0	31.8	28.4	34.0	34.1	30.5
25–34 years	60.1	49.5	43.6	38.6	37.3	31.6	33.5	32.5	29.9	30.4	29.2	30.8
35–44 years	57.3	50.1	41.3	40.8	36.6	33.5	30.9	32.0	31.2	32.1	29.6	29.5
45–64 years	51.3	41.2	38.3	35.0	32.1	28.7	28.1	26.9	26.3	26.5	27.0	24.5
65 years and over	27.7	24.3	20.5	20.6	18.9	13.7	14.9	11.9	14.1	11.5	10.0	9.9
Black male												
18–24 years	62.8	54.9	40.2	34.2	27.2	21.3	*16.2	*18.7	*14.6	23.5	19.7	23.8
25–34 years	68.4	58.5	47.5	39.9	45.6	33.8	29.5	29.8	25.1	31.6	25.2	22.5
35–44 years	67.3	61.5	48.6	45.5	45.0	42.0	47.5	44.5	36.3	33.9	36.1	35.0
45–64 years	57.9	57.8	50.0	44.8	46.1	36.7	35.4	41.2	33.9	39.4	37.3	36.2
65 years and over	36.4	29.7	26.2	38.9	27.7	21.5	28.3	25.6	28.5	26.0	16.3	16.8
All females												
18–24 years	38.1	34.1	33.8	35.5	30.4	22.5	24.9	25.2	21.8	25.7	24.5	26.3
25–34 years	43.7	38.8	33.7	32.6	32.0	28.2	30.1	28.8	26.4	24.8	24.6	23.5
35–44 years	43.7	39.8	37.0	33.8	31.5	24.8	27.3	26.8	27.1	27.2	26.4	26.5
45–64 years	32.0	33.4	30.7	31.0	29.9	24.8	26.1	22.8	24.0	21.5	22.5	21.0
65 years and over	9.6	12.0	13.2	13.1	13.5	11.5	12.4	11.1	11.5	11.5	11.2	10.7
White female												
18–24 years	38.4	34.0	34.5	36.5	31.8	25.4	28.5	28.5	24.9	29.4	28.1	29.5
25–34 years	43.4	38.6	34.1	32.2	32.0	28.5	31.5	30.2	27.3	26.1	26.9	25.5
35–44 years	43.9	39.3	37.2	34.8	31.0	25.0	27.6	27.1	27.0	27.5	26.6	27.0
45–64 years	32.7	33.0	30.6	30.6	29.7	25.4	25.8	23.2	24.3	20.9	22.5	21.3
65 years and over	9.8	12.3	13.8	13.2	13.3	11.5	12.6	11.1	11.7	11.7	11.2	10.4
Black female												
18–24 years	37.1	35.6	31.8	32.0	23.7	10.0	10.3	11.8	*8.8	11.5	*8.1	14.8
25–34 years	47.8	42.2	35.2	38.0	36.2	29.1	26.9	24.8	26.7	22.5	21.5	18.4
35–44 years	42.8	46.4	37.7	32.7	40.2	25.5	32.4	28.2	31.9	30.1	30.0	29.0
45–64 years	25.7	38.9	34.2	36.3	33.4	22.6	30.9	23.5	27.5	28.4	25.4	22.6
65 years and over	7.1	*8.9	*8.5	*13.1	14.5	11.1	*11.1	13.6	13.3	10.7	11.5	13.6

* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error of 20–30 percent.

¹See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey, for discussion of 1997 redesign.

²Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard using five age groups: 18–24 years, 25–34 years, 35–44 years, 45–64 years, 65 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

NOTES: The definition of current smoker was revised in 1992 and 1993. See Appendix II, Current smoker. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III). Some numbers for 1998 were revised and differ from the previous edition of *Health, United States*.

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey. Data are from the core questionnaire (1965) and the following questionnaire supplements: hypertension (1974), smoking (1979), alcohol and health practices (1983), health promotion and disease prevention (1985, 1990–91), cancer control and cancer epidemiology (1992), and year 2000 (1993–95). Starting in 1997 data are from the sample adult questionnaire.